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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #5

The department conducted an aerial survey this morning covering all of Sitka Sound and as far south as Redoubt Bay. Spotting conditions were fair under overcast skies with winds SE 10-15 knots. The general distribution of sea lions and whales remains unchanged from yesterday's survey. Large numbers of sea lions and whales continue to be concentrated in the area between the islands and the Baranof Island shoreline distributed from the north end of Kasiana Island to Dog Point.

A test set was made today near Old Sitka Rocks with the following results:  
30 ton set; 6.4% mature roe; 5.7% immature roe; 154 gram average weight; 52% female.

The department has not yet announced a time when the fishery will be on 2-hour notice. Given the high immaturity in today's sample no test fishing is planned for tomorrow and test fishing will resume on Monday. A pre-fishery organizational meeting will occur on Sunday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Westmark.

Updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below, and on a recorded message phone at (907) 747-1009.

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